



Southern Nevada Day Laborers Survey Report

Multi-Jurisdictional
Day Laborer Taskforce

Survey Period: October 9 – 10, 2007

Total Day Labor Count: 350

Total Number of Responses Collected: 160

Methodology

On October 9-10, 2007, members from the Multi-Jurisdictional Day Labor's Taskforce conducted a survey at seven sites throughout Southern Nevada to capture the experiences of day laborers in Southern Nevada. The purpose of the survey was to assist local government officials with background information and facts about the day laborer population in Southern Nevada. Although two casual labor centers currently exist within the city of Las Vegas, both locations require documentation of day laborers and did not fit the criteria of this survey. As a result, this survey focused on locations where day laborers gather routinely and several complaints have been reported by citizens. For the purposes of this study, the Taskforce members identified seven sites. These sites are known to officials as being the largest and most active day laborer gathering areas in Southern Nevada. Interviews were conducted at the following locations:

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| ■ Cheyenne & Tenaya - Star Nursery | (city of Las Vegas) |
| ■ Charleston & Cimarron - Star Nursery | (city of Las Vegas) |
| ■ Bonanza & Rancho - Terrible Herbst | (city of Las Vegas) |
| ■ Bonanza & MLK - Terrible Herbst | (city of Las Vegas) |
| ■ Eastern & Pebble - Moon Valley | (Clark County, bordering Henderson) |
| ■ Eastern & Wigwam - Star Nursery | (Clark County) |
| ■ Charleston & Lamb - Home Depot | (Clark County) |

A team of twelve interviewers surveyed 160 day laborers over the course of two-days, with more than 350 day laborers identified. Face-to-face interviews were conducted by interviewers with Spanish language expertise. Respondents were surveyed at each site between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Prior to conducting the survey, interviewers received training focusing on potential validity and reliability issues due to variations in the Spanish language among Spanish-speaking countries and regions as well as other cultural issues. Since the majority of day laborers were of Latin origin, the survey was administered in Spanish, but was also available in English. All but one interviewer was a native Spanish speaker.

The survey was presented by both native Spanish and English speakers, and survey questions were printed in both languages. The survey was translated utilizing a certified linguist. The survey consisted of mostly closed-ended multiple choice questions. The survey included questions about sites where Southern Nevada day laborers go to find work, the types of work day laborers perform, reasons for pursuing day laborer work, problems day laborers experience, earnings, fraud and abuse, modes of transportation and housing. The survey also collected basic demographic data from respondents.

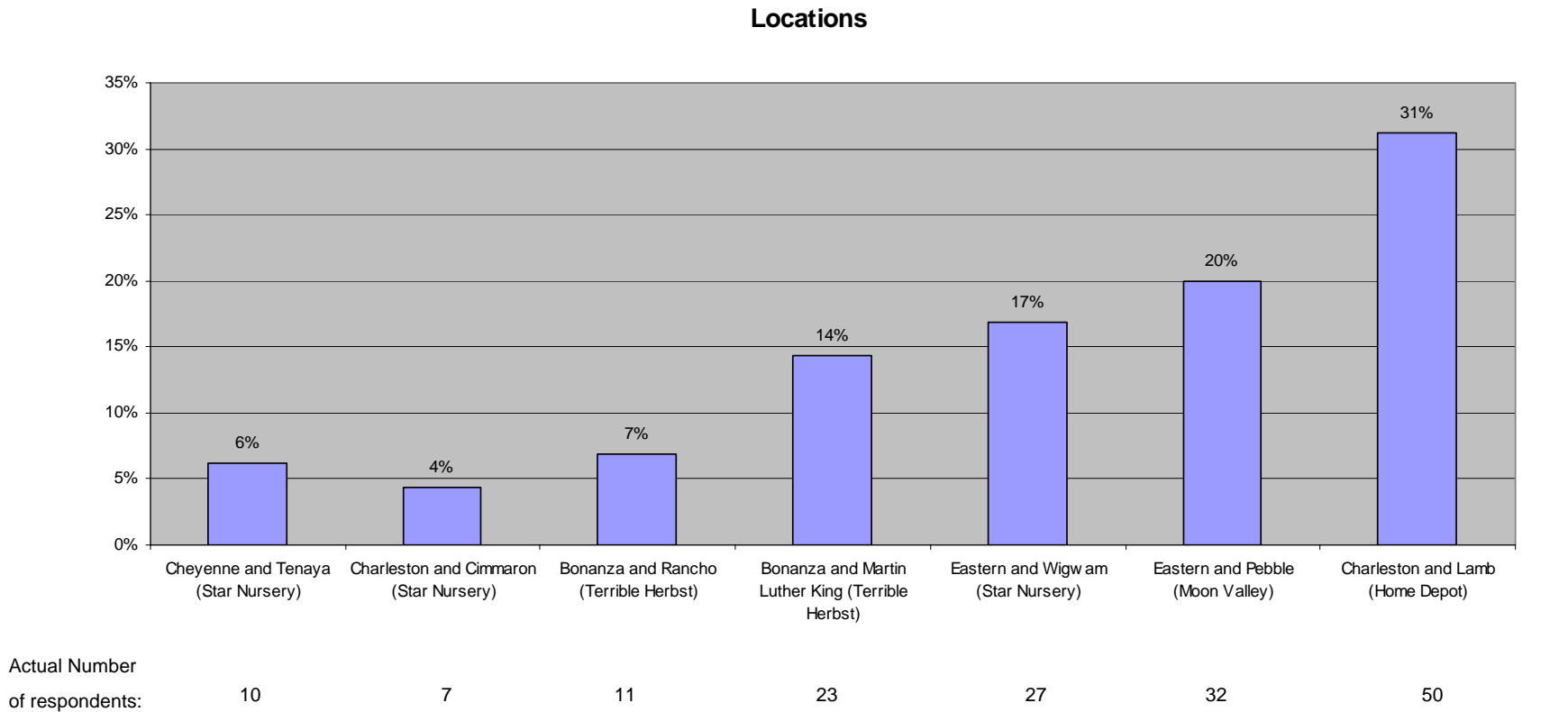
Report Summary

- This point in time survey was conducted on October 9 – 10, 2007, to capture the experiences of day laborers in Southern Nevada.
- A total of 350 day laborers were identified at seven different sites.
 - Cheyenne & Tenaya - Star Nursery (city of Las Vegas)
 - Charleston & Cimarron - Star Nursery (city of Las Vegas)
 - Bonanza & Rancho – Terrible Herbst (city of Las Vegas)
 - Bonanza & MLK – Terrible Herbst (city of Las Vegas)
 - Eastern & Pebble - Moon Valley (Clark County, bordering Henderson)
 - Eastern & Wigwam - Star Nursery (Clark County)
 - Charleston & Lamb - Home Depot (Clark County)
- 160 individuals agreed to participate in the survey.
- 31% of respondents were located at the Charleston and Lamb Home Depot.
- 36% of respondents reported coming to a specific employment site for less than six months.
- 68% reported looking for work at an employment site on an average of 5 to 7 days.
- 71% of respondents report working at least 5 to 8 hours daily.
- The primary employment categories are construction (21%), landscaping (20%), and painting (17%).
- 55% of respondents report their principal employer as individuals rather than contractors or companies.

Report Summary

- 68% of respondents have been working for less than three years.
- 50% of respondents reported earning an average of \$10.00 to \$15.00 per hour and 44% reported earning \$7.00 to \$9.99 per hour.
- 45% of respondents have been in the U.S. for up to 2 years.
- 93% would prefer permanent employment with one company.
- 92% of respondents indicate that they would use a day labor center if opened. However, 69% stated they usually stay at one location when looking for work.
- 71% of respondents reported no knowledge of DETR, Catholic Charities or other day labor centers.
- 47% of respondents indicated they have been victims of fraud or abuse.
- 70% of respondents indicate that public transit is their most common form of transportation. 83 % of the respondents reported living within 1 to 10 miles from their employment site.
- The primary employment barrier is lack of documentation while the secondary barrier is lack of English proficiency.
- 78% of respondents report being from Mexico and 72% have lived in the U.S. less than 5 years.
- 54% of respondents report residing with family/friends and paying rent.
- 62% of respondents report they have not attempted to obtain legal documentation.

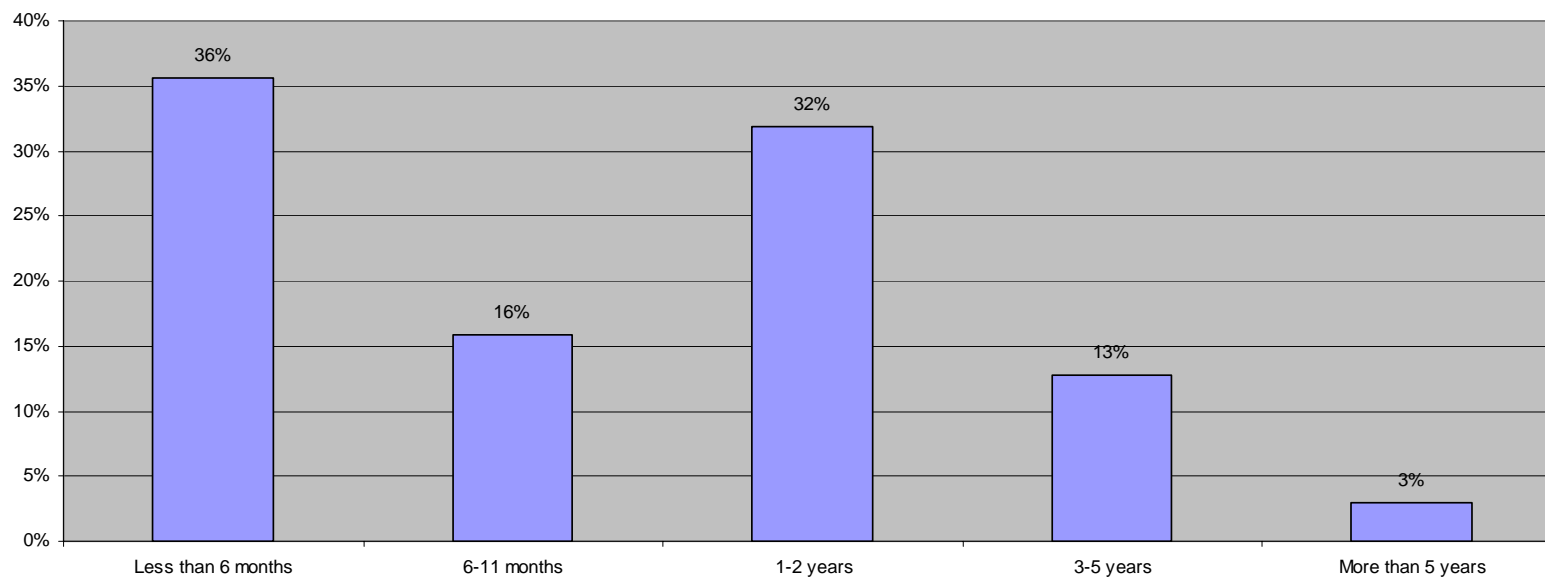
Employment Locations



*160 of 160 respondents
Total Count: 350
10/9/07 & 10/10/07*

Employment Frequency – Current Location

How long have you been coming to this place to look for work as a day laborer?



Actual Number of respondents: 56

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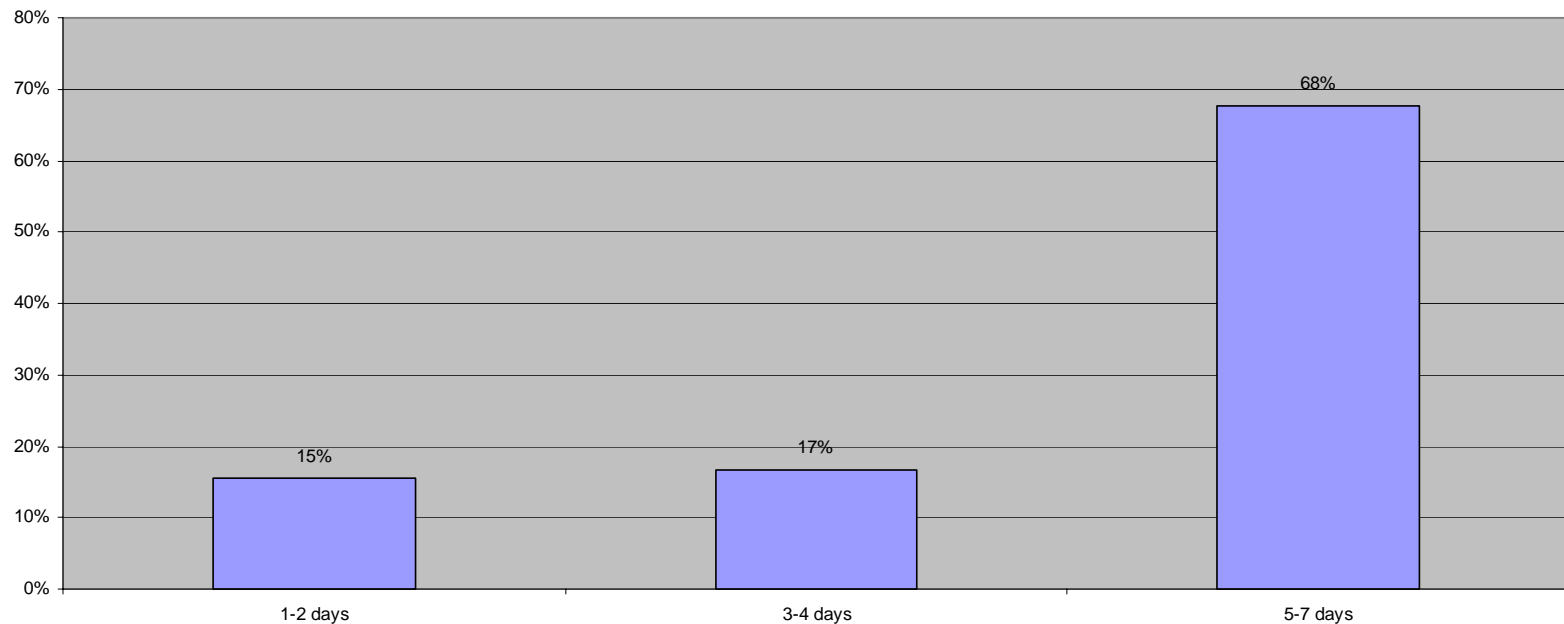
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Employment Frequency – Current Location

How many days each week do you usually come to this place looking for work as a day laborer?



Actual Number of respondents: 24

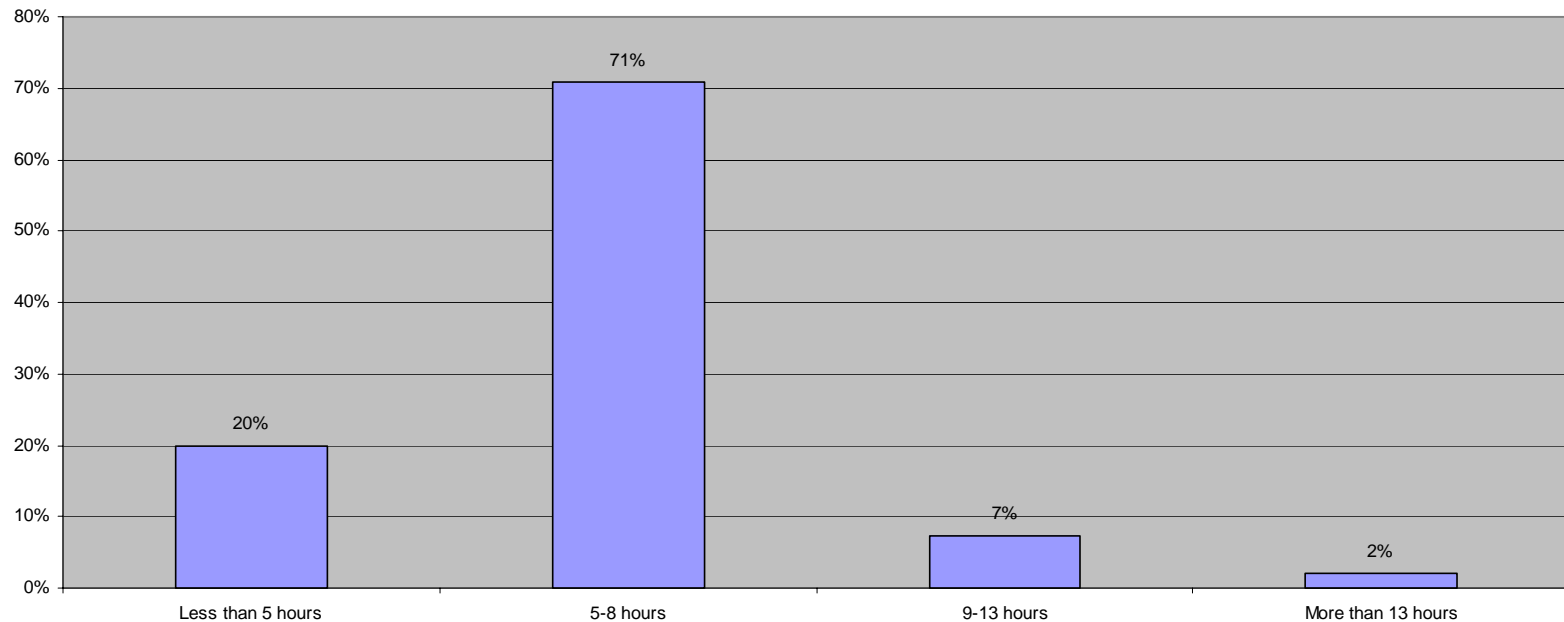
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Employment Frequency – Current Location

On average, how many hours of work do you usually obtain daily when you come here to look for work?



Actual Number of respondents: 30

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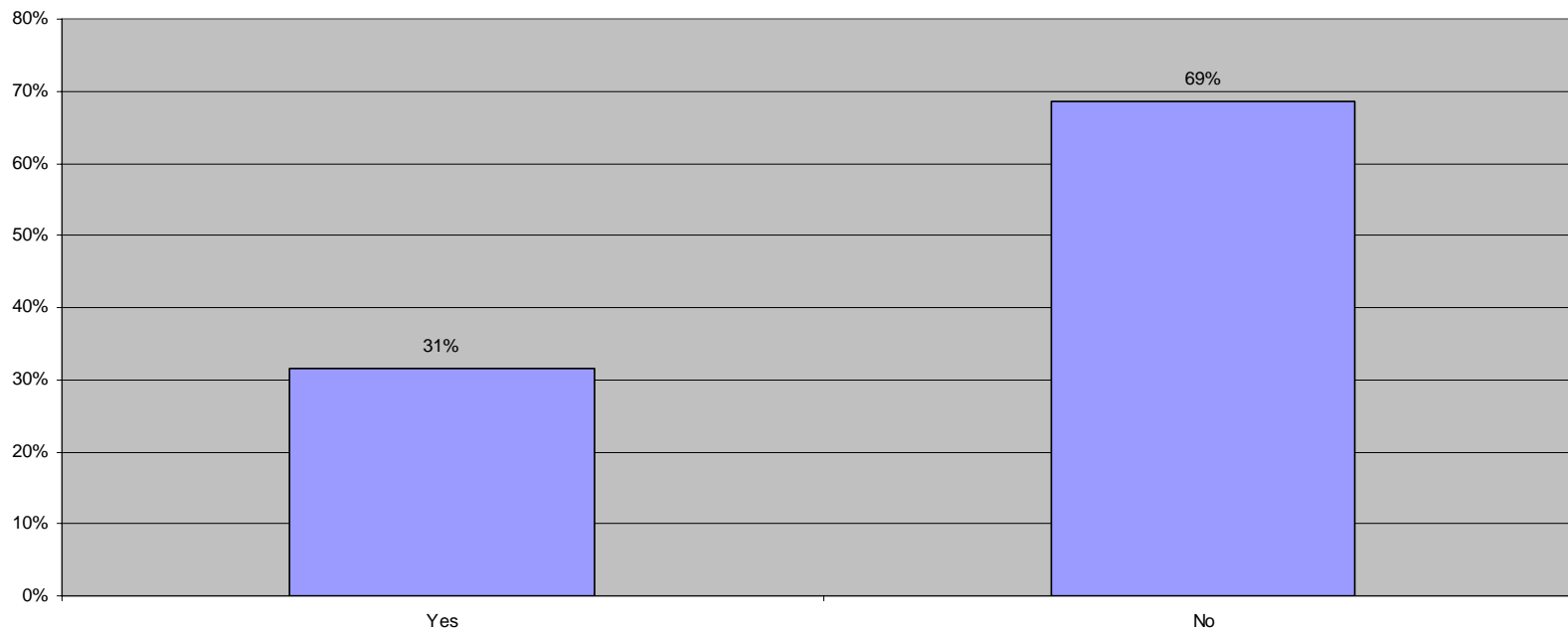
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Employment Frequency – Other Locations

During the past year, have you ever gone to other locations to look for work as a day laborer?



Actual Number of respondents:

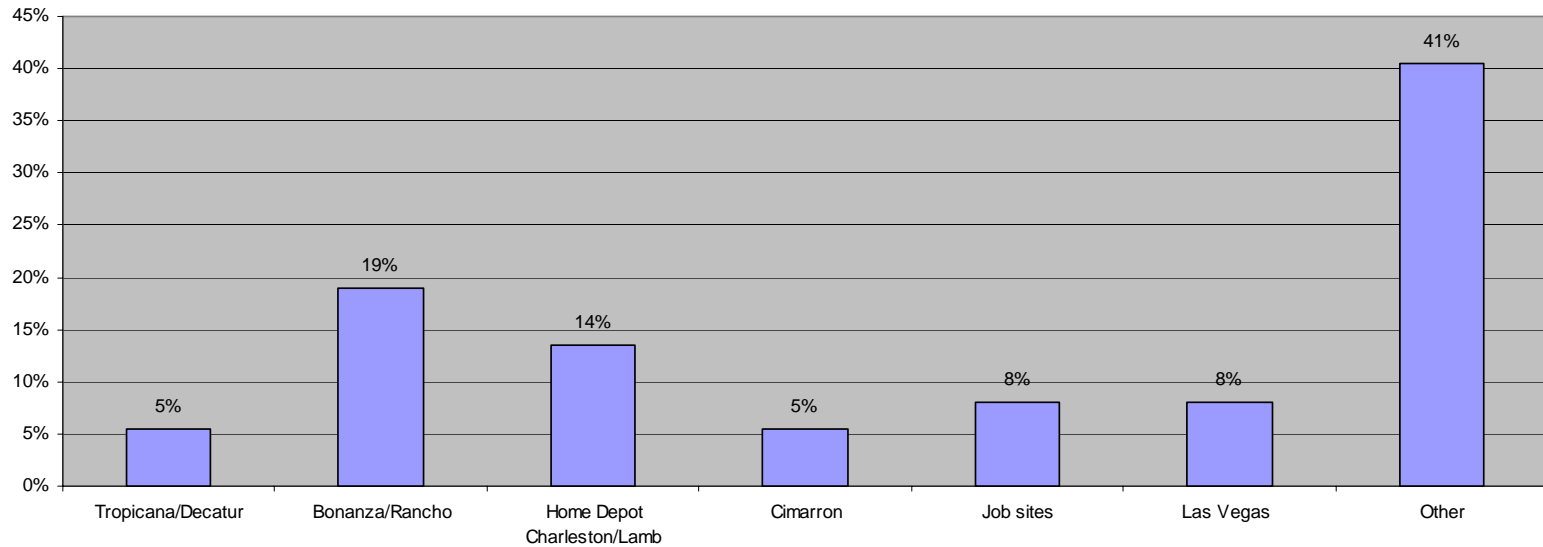
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Employment Frequency – Other Locations

If yes, what locations



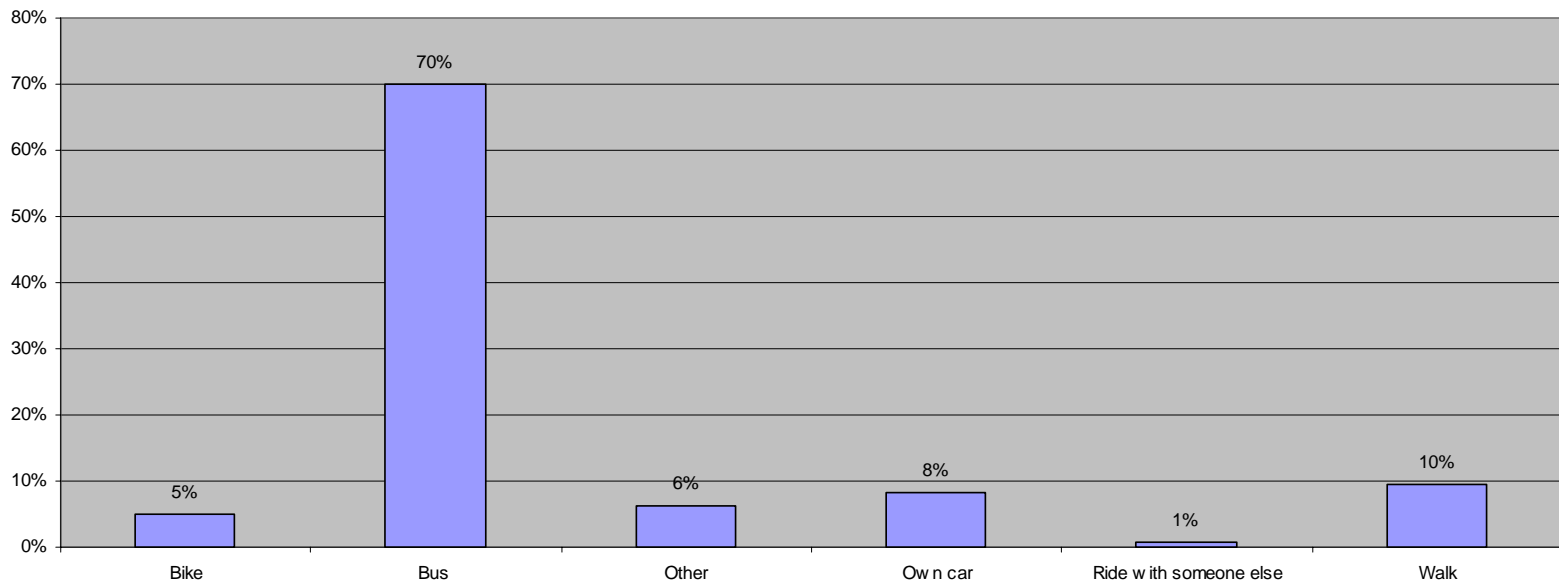
Actual Number
of respondents:

Location	Actual Number of respondents
Tropicana/Decatur	2
Bonanza/Rancho	7
Home Depot Charleston/Lamb	5
Cimarron	2
Job sites	3
Las Vegas	3
Other	15

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Transportation – Employment Site

What means of transportation do you most use to come here to look for work?



Actual Number of respondents: 8

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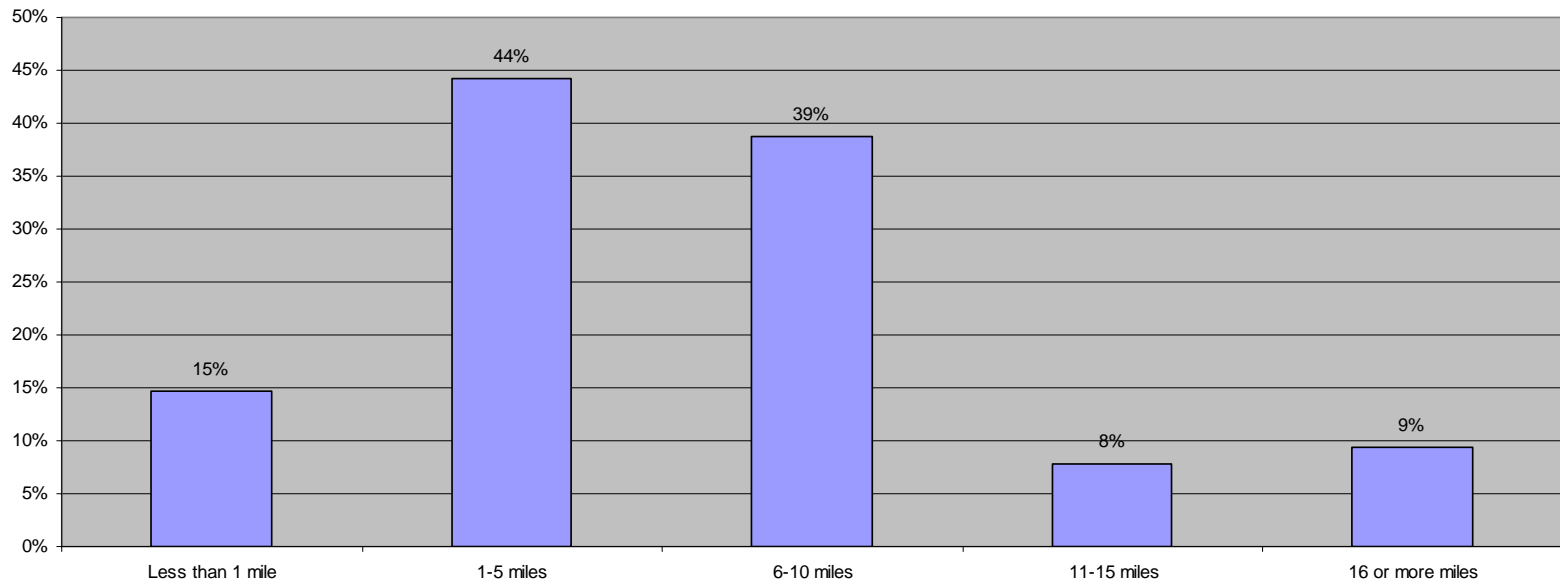
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Distance – Employment Site

How far (in miles) do you live from this site?



Actual Number of respondents: 19

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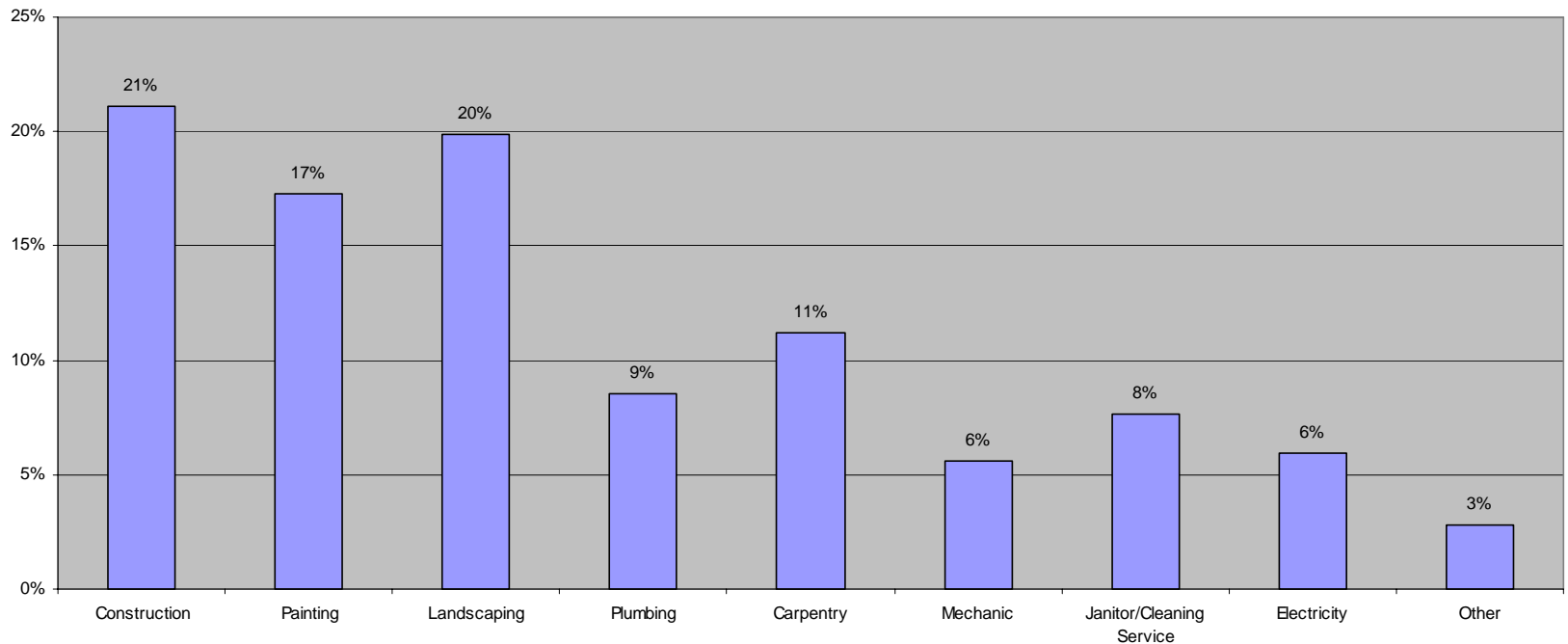
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Employment Categories

What jobs do you specialize in as a day laborer? Indicate ALL that apply.



Actual Number
of respondents:

121

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114

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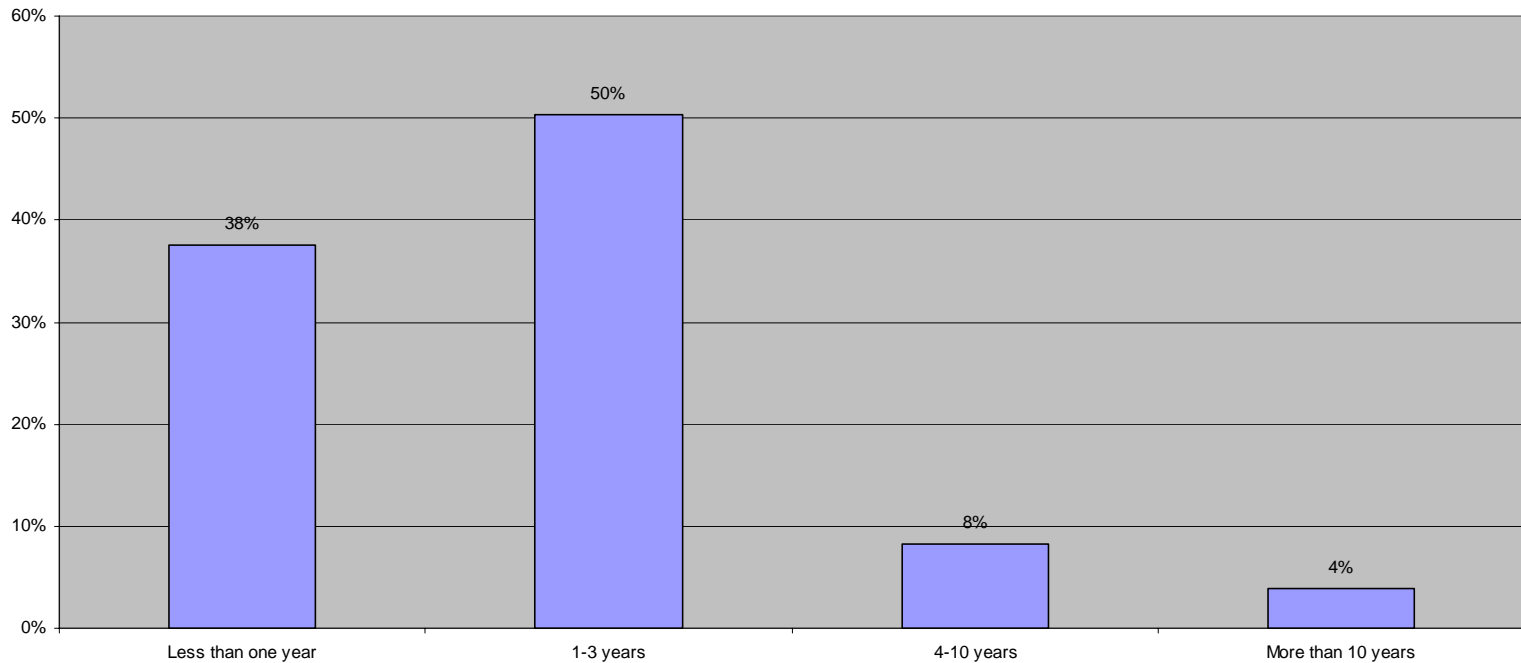
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Length of Employment

How long have you been working as a day laborer?



Actual Number of respondents: 59

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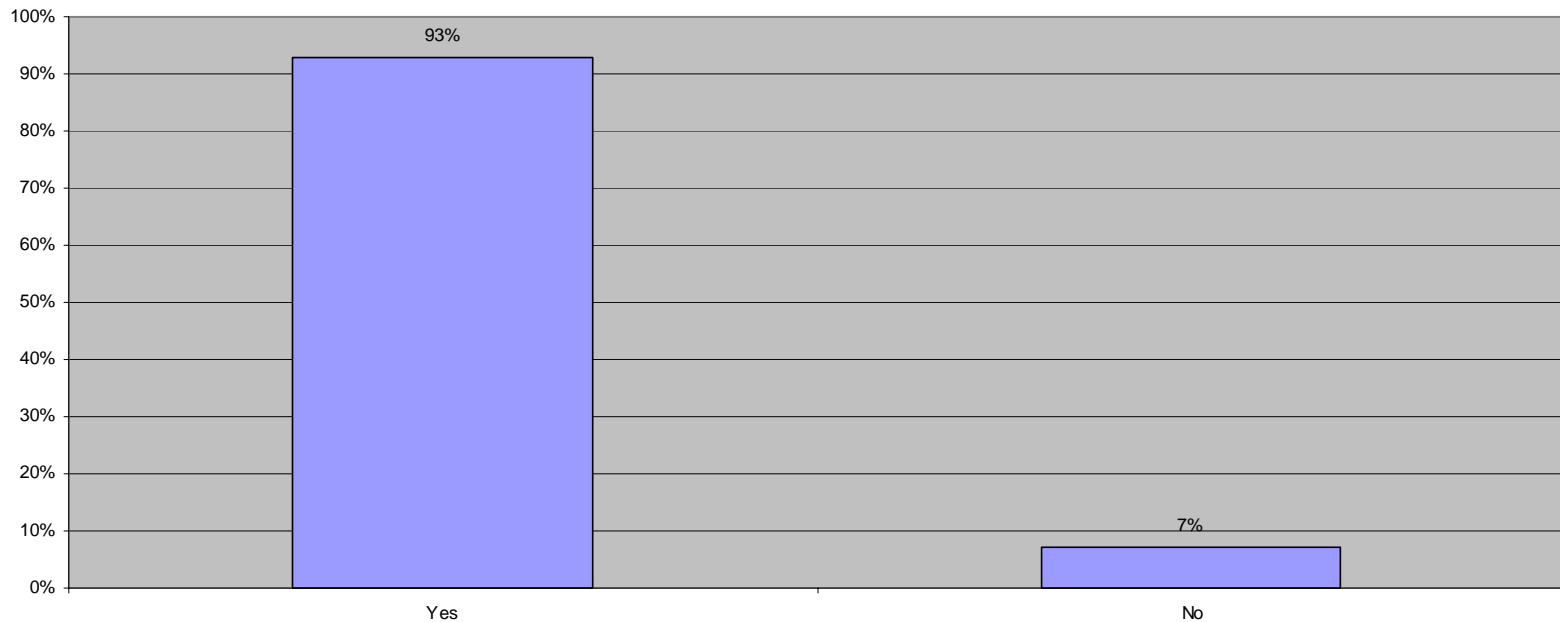
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Employment Preference

Would you prefer a permanent job with only one company instead of day laborer work?



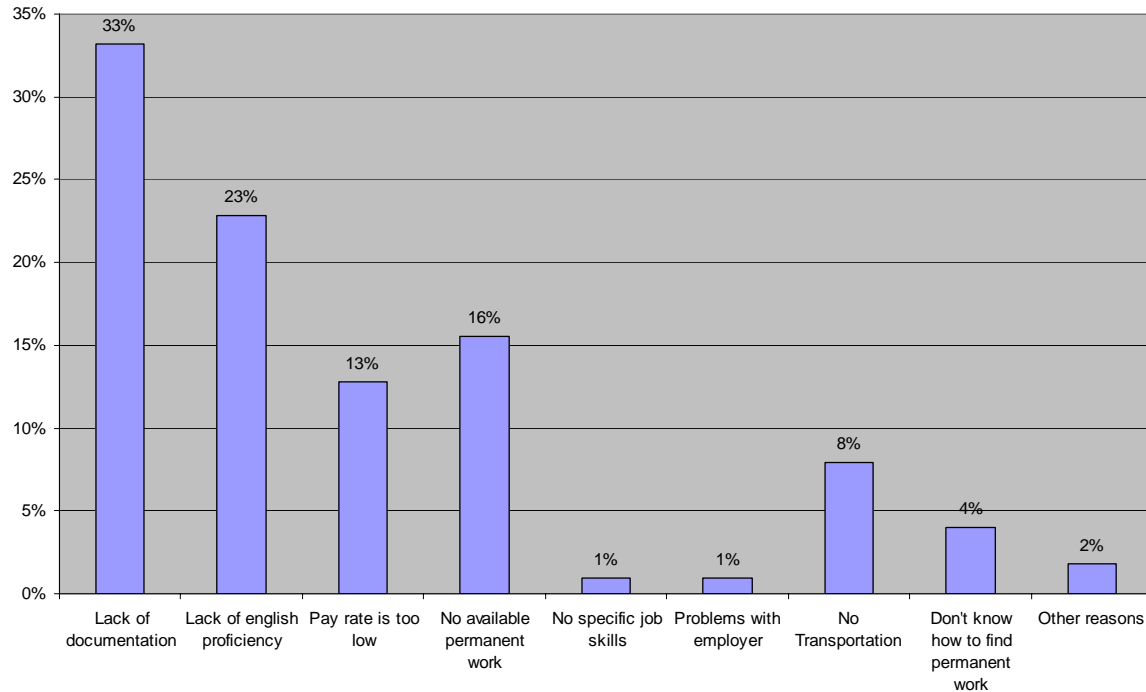
Actual Number of respondents: 145

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Employment Barriers

If yes, what stops you from getting permanent employment? Mark ALL that apply.

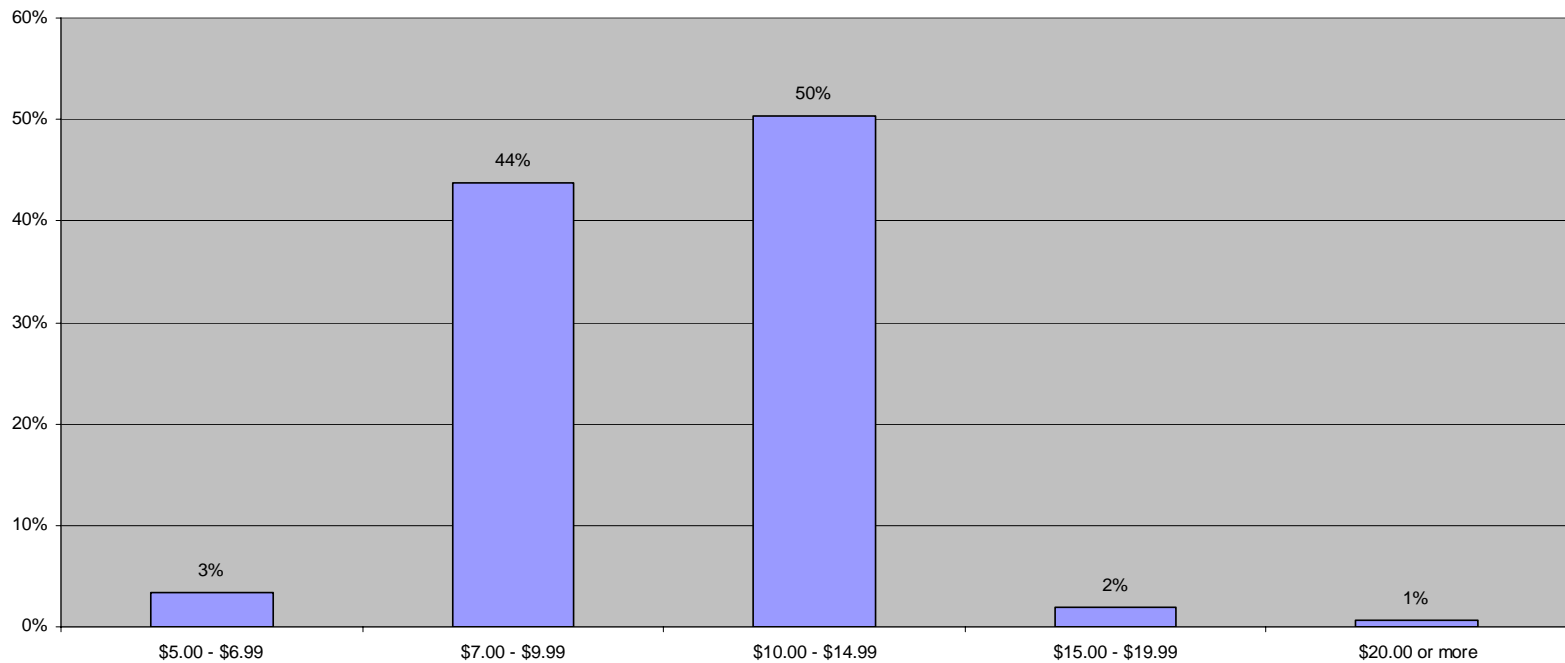


Actual Number of respondents:	109	75	42	51	3	3	26	13	5
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Compensation

During the past year, what was your average hourly salary?



Actual Number of respondents: 5

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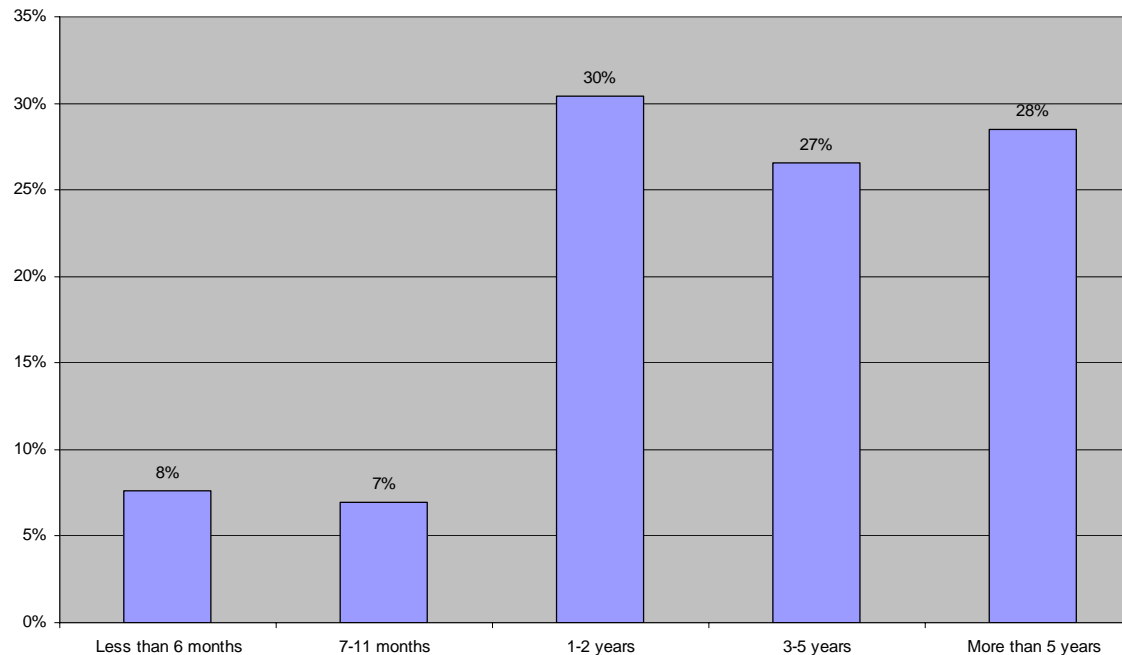
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Length of Time in U.S.

How long have you lived in the United States?



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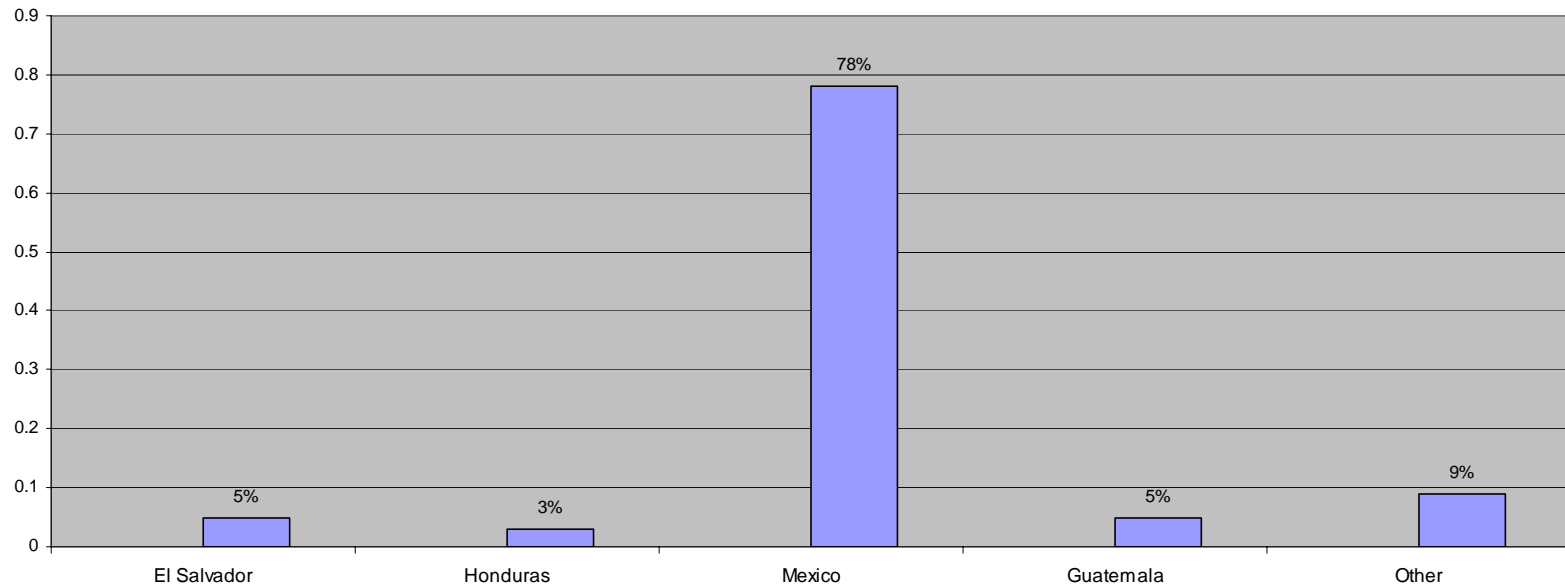
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Place of Origin

Where are you from?



Actual Number of respondents: 9

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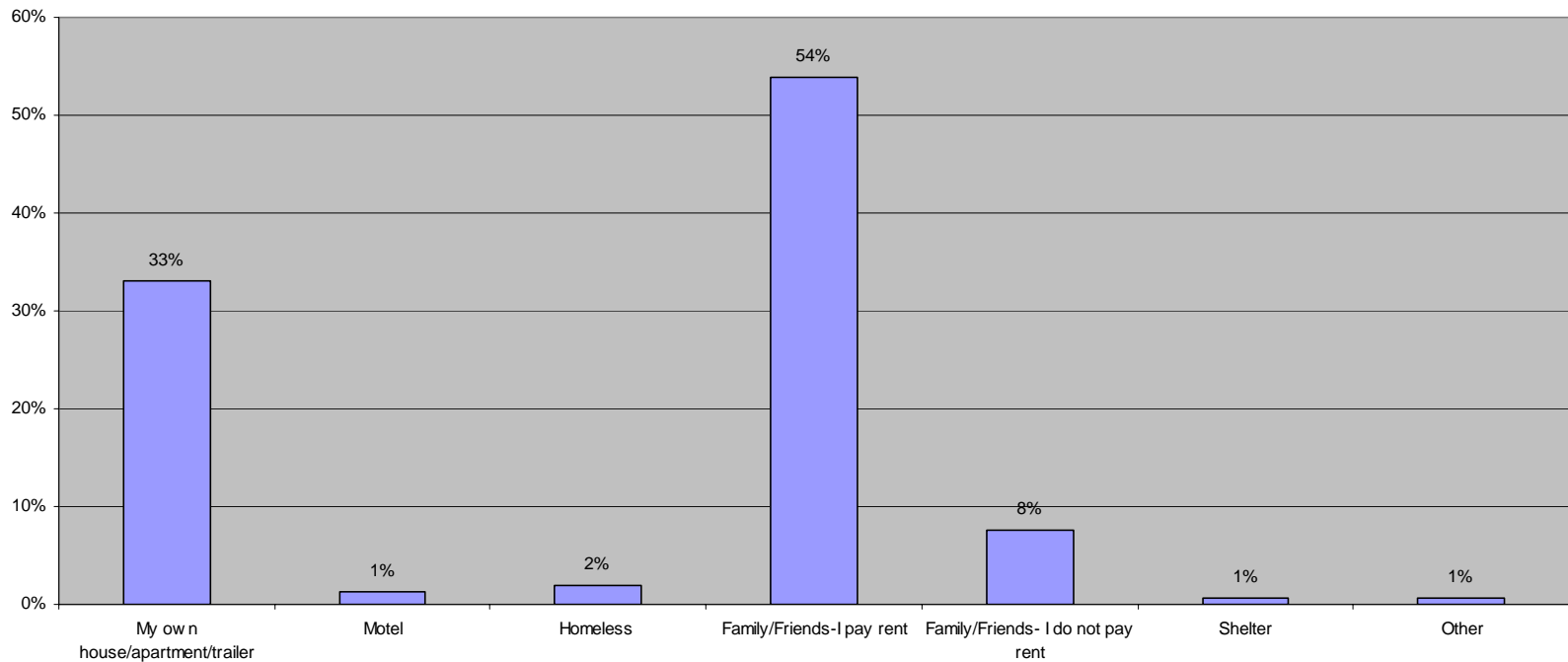
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Housing Status

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Where will you sleep tonight?



Actual Number
of respondents:

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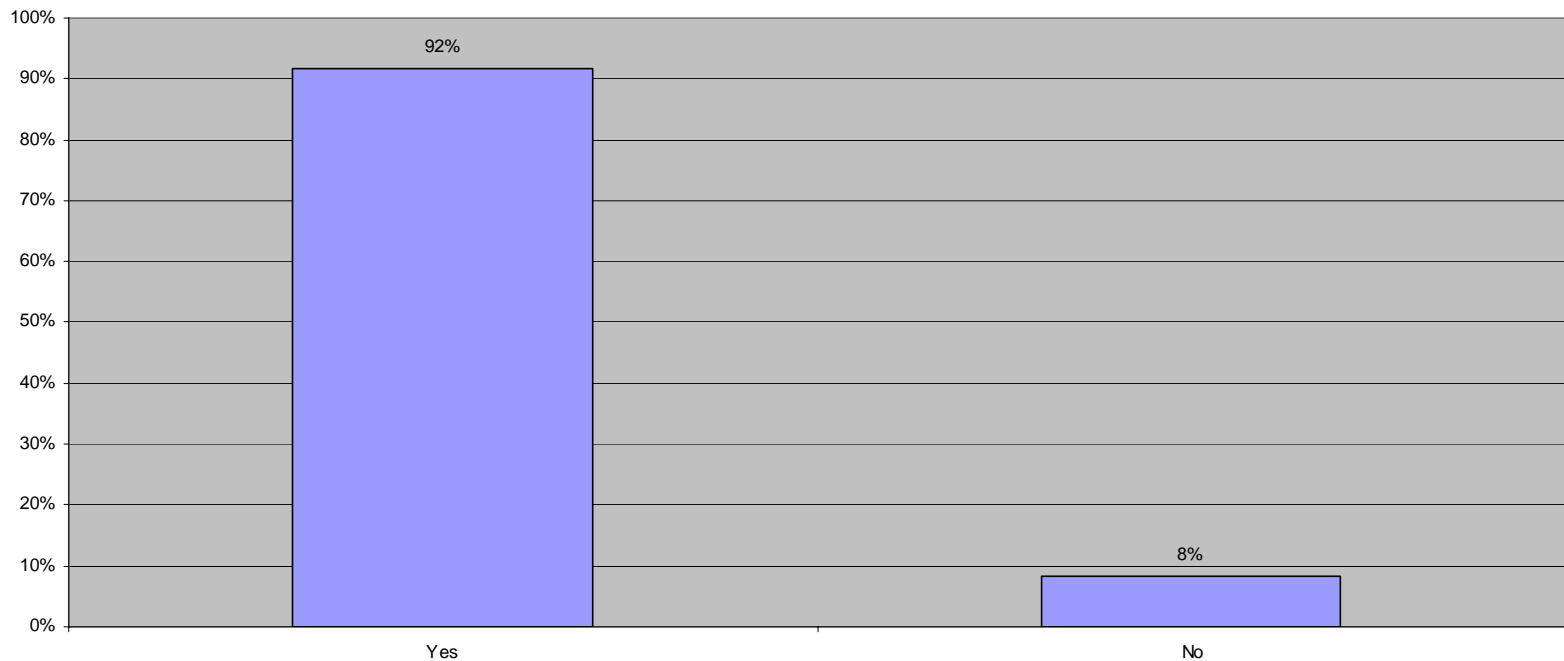
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Day Labor Center

If we opened a day labor center, would you use it?



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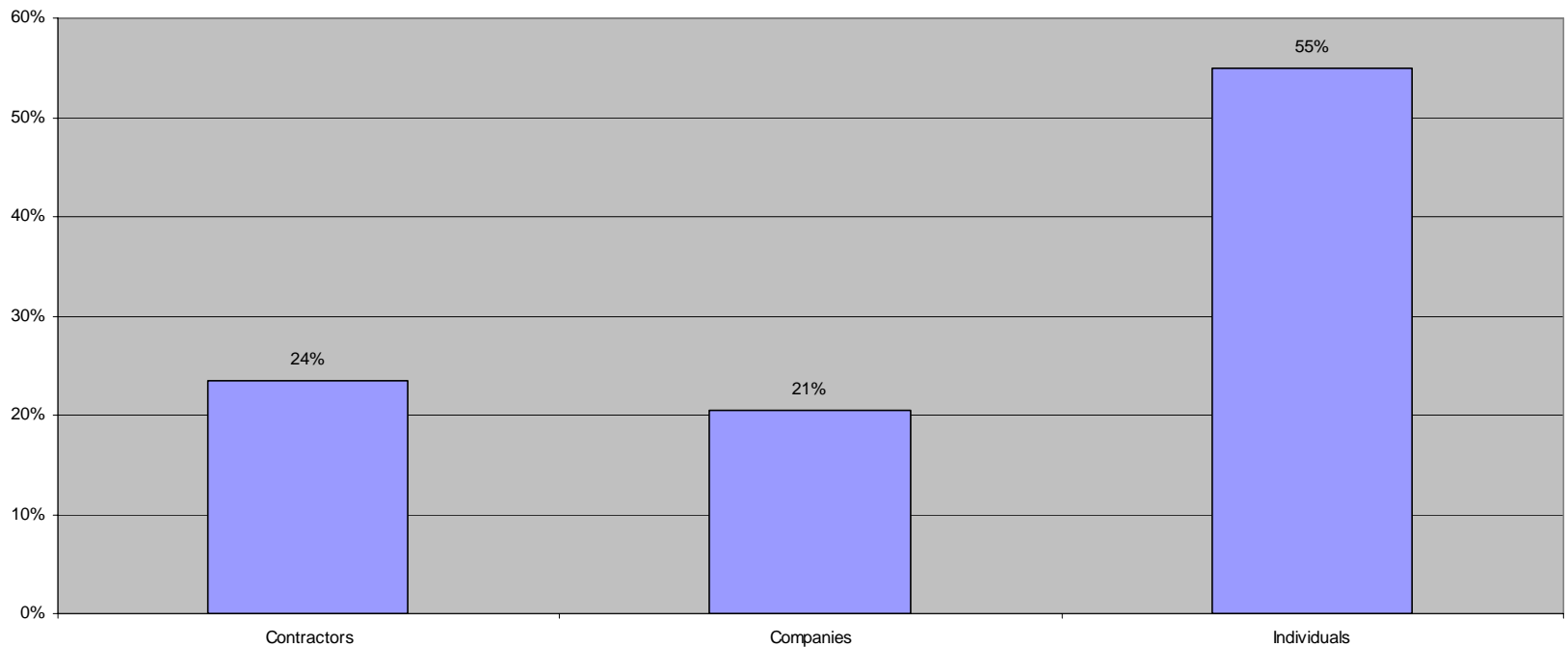
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Employers

Who is hiring you?



Actual Number of respondents:

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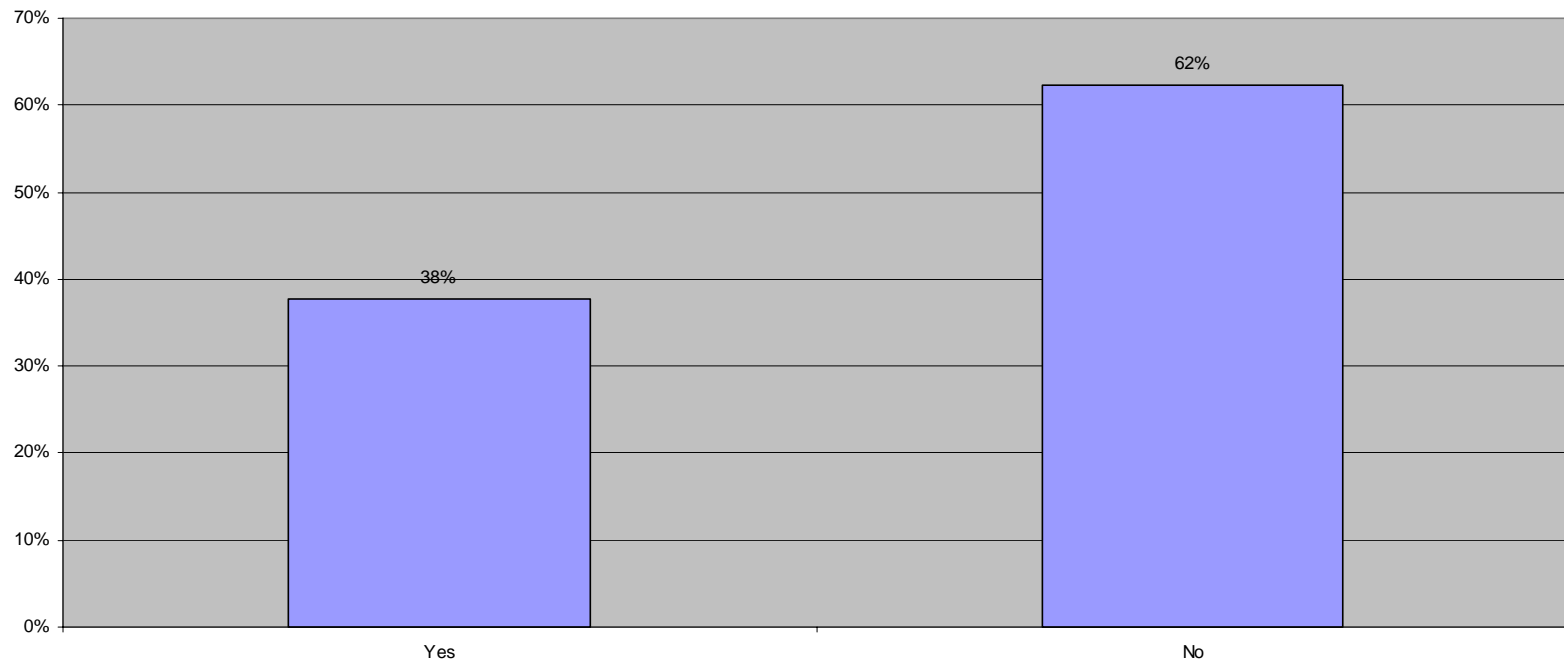
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Documentation

Have you tried to get documentation?



Actual Number of respondents:

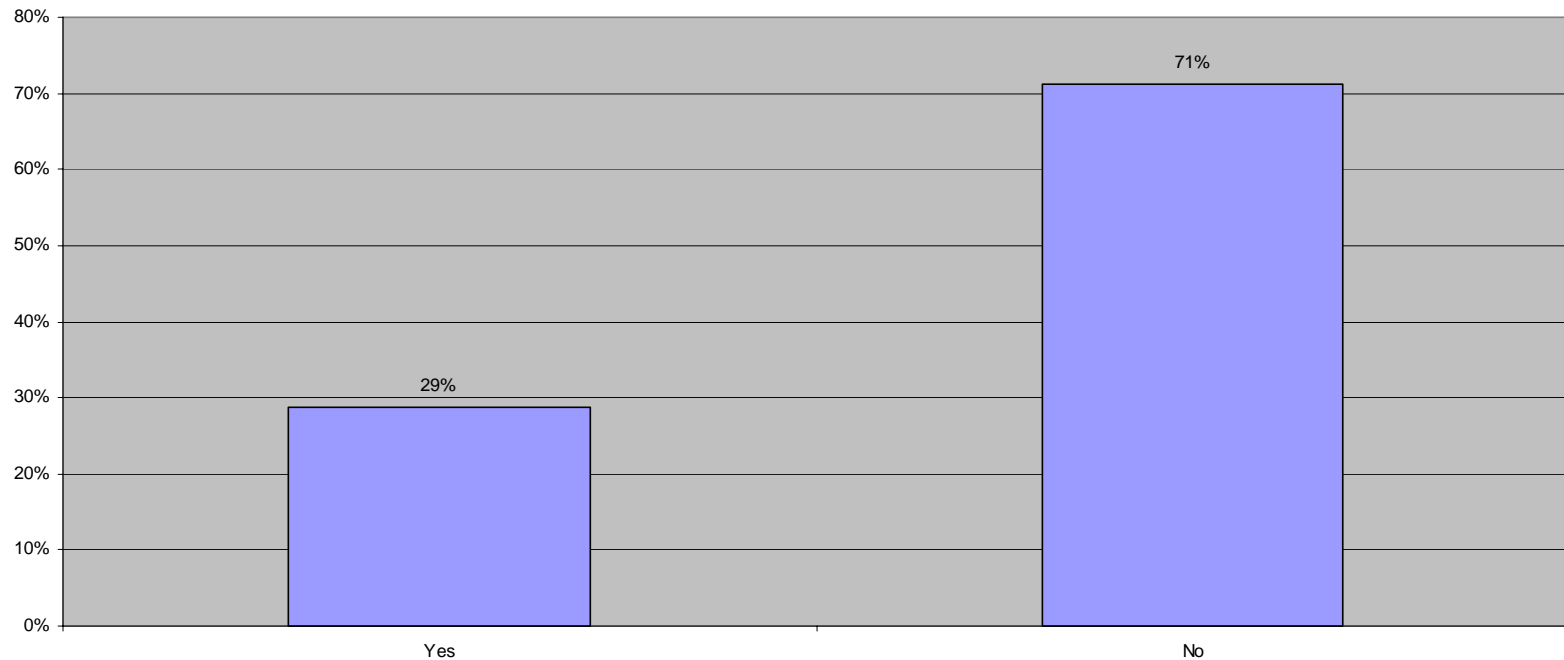
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Existing Employment/Day Labor Centers

Are you aware of DETR or Catholic Charities or any other day labor center?



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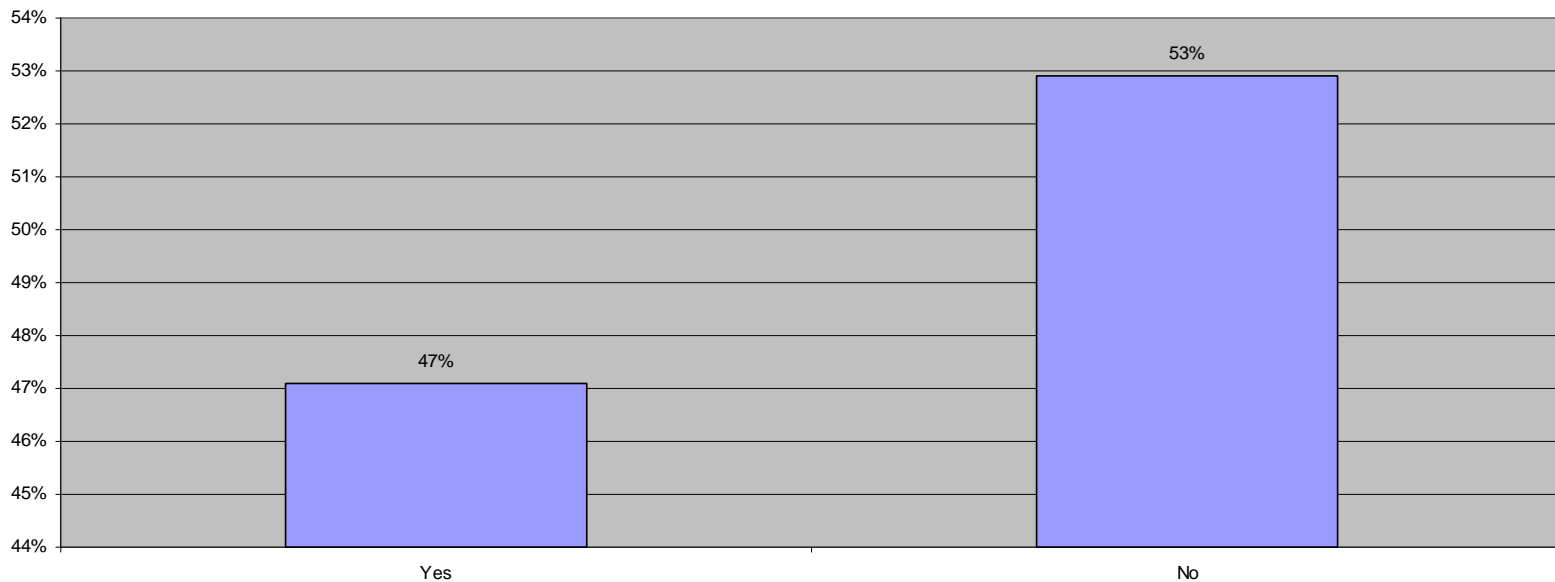
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Fraud or Abuse

Have you ever been a victim of fraud or abuse?



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